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### The Sheep of the Flock

We oft hear the plea for trying to keep  
The lambs of the flock in the fold,  
And well we may. But what of the sheep,  
Shall they be left out in the cold?

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that wandered away  
In the parable Jesus told—  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray  
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out in the wilderness, out in the cold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought,  
And back to the flock, safe in the fold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger if they go wrong,  
They will lead the young lambs away.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray.  
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead  
For the sake of the lambs today.  
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost  
Some sheep will have to pay!

—C. D. Meigs.

### Reverencing God

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." Psa. 89:7. I would like for the reader to think down beneath the surface of this Scripture; and ponder for awhile; and then to think again above the foundation upon which this text is laid. Because, by observation, I am thoroughly convinced that far too many people read this verse; or hear it read or quoted, and pass on like a leaf blown by the wind without receiving any weight, food, or essence therefrom. Yes, this is true.

We shall consider the first word, *God*. Who is God? What is God? We might say, "God is a Spirit." That is true, but is that all we know him to be? "God is love." Right again; for without God there is no love. And then what? "God is light." Yes, without him we would all be in darkness. Someone said, "God is the strength of my life," and we would be obliged to accept that as a necessary fact, because Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing," and David said on one occasion, "God is our refuge and strength." If he is not our refuge, we have no shelter in which to hide from the stormy blasts of life. Somebody said, "God is good." It is true that God is good, and the source of all goodness.

No doubt, we could continue on and on and never fully explain what and who God is, but there is one thing that we must own and confess; and that is, that the world by wisdom does not know God. The only way one can know God is through personal experience and contact. It was experience that caused Moses and the children of Israel to sing, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exod. 15:2. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: To whom then will ye liken me; or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth." Isa. 40:12, 15, 22, 25, 26.

God proclaimed himself and said, "I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." By the use of these paradigms, terms, and phrases, we are able to comprehend in a very faint manner something of the power, greatness, and ability of God, and to get a faint understanding of

what and who God is. Job says, "Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him?" And Paul goes on further and says, "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire."

No wonder then that he is to be greatly feared in the assembly of the saints. Do not lightly pass over the word "greatly." God, being a great personage is greatly to be feared, which means, considerably above the average; and not only to be feared, but also to be had in reverence in the assembly of the saints, according to the statement made by the apostle Paul. It takes grace to have this reverence and godly fear in our hearts to the degree that would cause us to be accepted of God, for indifference is nauseating to God. He cannot and will not stand it.

How did Moses reverence God at the burning bush? By taking off his shoes and listening to God's voice with a mind to obey the same. How did Paul reverence God when he met him on the road to Damascus? By saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" with a heart ready to obey. How did the children of Israel reverence God when Moses read to them his commands and statutes? By saying, "All that the Lord has said will we do, and be obedient." Obedience is the greatest evidence of reverence and respect. The tipping of the hat, the bowing of the head, and the lifting of the hands, the bowing of the knees, and so on, are all right each in its time and place.

One definition of reverence is, "A feeling of profound respect, often mingled with awe and affection." Or we might say, "with love and regards."

Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep my words." So we conclude that to reverence God as he would have us to, we must keep his commandments, as Jesus said in one place: "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Marv manifested her reverence to the Saviour by sitting at his feet and drinking in the gracious words that fell from his blessed lips.

As we have been taught to fear and reverence God by our parents, God's ministers, workers, and ambassadors—many of whom have been called from their field of labor and have gone on to be with the Lord—we, too, should be as some of them were, and say to our children, "Come ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Bring them to the house of God, teach them to reverence the services of the Lord, to give heed to the messages, prayers, and exhortations from time to time, to be quiet and attentive, and not to be making unnecessary passes in and out while service is in session, nor standing around outside the building or around the corner somewhere, but to listen with reverence and respect to the Word of the Lord which is able to make them wise unto salvation. I realize that for them to know God they must contact Him personally themselves; but there is something the Lord would have us do; "Bring them up in the nurture and ad-

monition of the Lord" by precept and example.

Dear ones, reverence for God, for his Word, for his people, and for his ways is fast decreasing in the world today. Let us who know God by personal experience and contact, do what we can to keep the fear and reverence of God great, both in the assemblies and in our homes, by his help and grace.

—Ulysses Phillips.

## LOVE

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8. In the 16th verse we also read, "God is love." And in Eph. 3:19, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Again, we read in Jer. 31:1-3, "At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the Lord, the people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

It is not enough to say, God loves such and such things, for God in his incomprehensibly great, unopposed character, is pure and unselfish love. In his dealings with his human creatures his only choice is a course actuated by love toward them and had man never opposed or disobeyed him, there never would have been throughout man's history a manifestation from him but love. However, there is in his great, unfathomable God-character that which is capable of reaction against those opposing his righteous will. But this is not the delineation of his character as we desire to set it forth to the understanding of the reader in this connection. We are told by Scriptures quoted at the beginning of this article that God is love. And this is the view point from which we are here considering it, according to God's own self-imposed conditions.

After considering God's love from an abstract standpoint, we will introduce some of the innumerable cases where he has manifested it. God made abundant preparations for man's blessing before he created him. By reading Gen. 1:1-25 we can easily see the great fatherly love and care God had for his forth-coming human creatures.

The first preparation he made was light (verse 3).

And now so quickly after Eve and Adam's AWFUL sin, we see God in his overflowing love planning a way for man's restoration (Gen. 3:15). God was continually looking forward for a way of deliverance for the souls of men.

In Gen. 49:10 is another beautiful expression of God's coming provision of a deliverer for men. It reads: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

In spite of their stiff-necked way and their very frequent wanderings in disobedience against God, he

manifested love toward them of which the following is a remarkable and characteristic experience: "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from among the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken and will strengthen that which was sick." (Ezek. 34:12-16). Read also in connection with the above, Isa. 41:8-14.

Throughout Israelitish history we see the same mercy, as an inseparable constituent of God love, so freely lavished upon them till it materialized in his crowning work in the advent of Christ—God's spectacular love to every tongue and nation.

In Jno. 15:13 we hear Jesus saying, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." What greater love could one prove than that he would lay down his life to save his neighbor's life? But Jesus, who was God in a fleshly body, laid down his life to save men's souls from eternal death, as also by his stripes to heal their diseases.

During Jesus' 33 years nativity his life was a continual manifestation of God's love to a lost world. Matt. 4:23, 24 tells us he went about all Galilee healing all manner of sickness among the people, casting out devils, etc. This was but one instance of an almost innumerable multitude of such cases, manifestations of God's pure love, mercy, and compassion. And after Jesus ascended the same work of love went on through the Holy Ghost—as God had promised—toward those who would obey (See Jno. 14:16). Innumerable are the instances of God's love shown thru the Holy Ghost, among which we mention the following:

The reader will please read Acts for the wonderful instance of God's love and power about Peter; Acts 17 for the wonderful story of Paul and Silas; and for the unparalleled love, mercy, and power shown in the case of the widow of Nain's son, read Luke 7:11-15. The foregoing is only a touch upon God's love. There is one outstanding evidence before the eyes of all the world today of God's exceeding love and mercy and that is that through the past thousands of years of constantly growing wickedness, down to its awful present state, that God's mercy has been so great as to still let the world stand. This is mercy beyond our comprehension. But let us pause for a moment, as I would by no means be understood to picture God in one-sided light.

We must remember that God's most wonderful character is of All-wise and infinitely balanced properties. So let us remember that while God is a God of love, as we have tried to show, that he is a God of such character that he requires sinners to repent or they can never get to his heaven of love.

"For he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance to all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:31.

"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off" (Rom. 11:22). God help us all to understand and obey for his love. Reader, the end of all things is so near. —J. H. Pierson

## National Ministers' Meeting

The ministers of California have been meeting together for two or three days at a time at different times for the purpose of discussing questions in a Biblical way to come to proper Biblical understanding of problems confronting the saints of God and these meetings have proven to be so profitable, edifying, and enlightening that some of the California ministers advanced the thought of having a national ministers' meeting to be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma. A body of holy ministers together with Jesus as the Governor and chief Counselor would certainly bring good results for the upbuilding of the cause of God in all parts of the country, and all of God's ministers who love the truth should look to God to so arrange their affairs that they could be present in a meeting of this kind.

The question of a national ministers' meeting was brought before the ministers in session at the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri, this summer and the voice of the ministers was unanimously in favor of a national ministers' meeting. It was decided that the meeting should be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to begin November 3, 1946, and to continue through November 10, 1946, which would give ample time for fasting, praying, and seeking heavenly counsel on all matters concerning the church, which is the body of Christ.

All true ministers of the church should not fail to be present in these meetings as a true understanding among the ministers may mean the avoiding of discord or future misunderstandings. Preparations will be made to care for the ministers while in session here in Guthrie. If you realize that you are a member in the body of Christ you should be present to function in your proper place.

### NOTICE

Brother J. H. Pierson of Valeene, Indiana, would like to have a man (preferably a saint) to come and stay with him. He is getting along in years and needs some one to be with him. Those interested should write to him at once and find out particulars. His address is Valeene, Indiana.

Brother Pierson also wishes to correspond with readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, those especially in hospitals, jails, and all who need help and encouragement spiritually.

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**TENT MEETING**

There will be a tent meeting in Fresno, Calif., on Fig Ave., in the 2300th block. This meeting will begin Sept. 18, 1946, continuing through two weeks, Lord willing. Provisions will be made in homes for visiting folks, and tents may be rented. Bring straw ticks and some coverings. We are praying that God will direct those holy ministers whom he can use here to preach the truth.

Further information write: Irvin Daniel, 230 Amador St., or Bro. E. J. Trotter, R. 7, Bx. 592, Fresno, Calif, Ph. 3-4415.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

Gerrit Joostberns of 400 Eastern Avenue, Allegan, Michigan, wish the saints everywhere to pray for him and his family that he may get cleared up in his soul. He says in part: "It is about one-thirty in the morning. I can not sleep. There seems to be nothing but darkness before me. I am on the road to torment. I see by the Bible and by the testimonies of others that I have only a sectarian experience. I am bound by the devil. Oh, pray for me.

**Editorials**

After the elapse of nearly two months we again take up the office work at the "Lord's Print Shop." We have spent practically all the time in campmeetings since the closing days of June and our souls have been greatly refreshed, consoled, and comforted in the different meetings. The satisfaction of seeing souls get saved and bodies healed, together with the saints edified and built up in God, has been a source of great joy to us saints in the earth and I am sure great joy and rejoicing was manifested among the angels in heaven. By observation we can discern that the saints are on the forward move for God and truth. If some will not measure up and move and walk in the light as He is in the light, the church of the Living God will just go marching on, for prophecies must be and will be fulfilled. This is no time to play religion, as such will only bring disappointment in the end.

The editors and workers at Faith Publishing House stand squarely against all kinds of sin, including worldly conformity and other fleshly lusts which war against the soul and which bring men and women into bondage to the powers and elements of this world. Human intellect and wisdom will never suffice for the wisdom of God no matter how cleverly used. It takes the Holy Spirit living in the soul to preach the word in the power and demonstration of the Spirit that men's faith would be in God and not in the man. Perfection in God does not mean perfection in knowledge, neither does it mean outside whitewash; but it means a heart given up to the whole known will of God, with life and all earthly substance given entirely over to God for His control and use. The words found in the first few verses of the third chapter of Colossians are a description of a soul that is ready for the change from mortality to immortality, or to be glorified with Christ. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then [if you are found in this condition] shall ye also appear with him in glory." Col. 3:1-4.

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The first campmeeting we attended was in Hammond, Louisiana. The car load of us arrived there on Saturday. The next day after the meeting had begun we found that a number of saints had gathered. There were some from California, including Brother Gus Poulos and family whom we had not seen for many years. The meeting moved on in divine order and souls came to the altar and made their peace with God through repentance. Some were sanctified wholly, many bodies were healed, and the saints were much blessed of God. Peace and heavenly unity prevailed throughout the meeting.

From the Hammond campmeeting we drove to

the Kalamazoo, Michigan, campmeeting. The work is comparatively new at that place. Brother and Sister Hilbun have charge of the small company of saints there. Not being able to secure a tent, they held the services in their rented meeting house. God surely blessed in this meeting. Saints came in from surrounding places and the word went forth with much power and in the demonstration of the Spirit. Souls were saved and believers were sanctified wholly. Some definite healing was done and souls that had been mixed up in compromising religions saw the truth and took their stand for it. As a whole it was a glorious meeting and the way God worked it is easy to see that he is building a fort in the enemy's territory to bombard the strongholds of Satan in those parts. Let all the saints pray for the work there.

From Kalamazoo, Michigan, the company which consisted of Dora Lela Sorrell, Evodna Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Ray, and the writer came to north-east Iowa to visit Brother Clifford Wilson and wife who used to be workers in the "Lord's Print Shop" but at present are detained in Iowa by government work. We found them happy in the Lord and much pleased with their new-born son. The next morning we came on to the National Campmeeting in Monark Springs, Missouri, with Genevieve Capps accompanying us, as she had been staying with Brother and Sister Clifford Wilson for a few weeks. We arrived there late Tuesday evening and continued in the meeting until Saturday when we came on home to Guthrie. The campmeeting at Monark Springs was well attended and souls as usual were getting saved. The word of God was proclaimed from the pulpit with unction from the Holy Ghost. It was a blessed meeting and the saints enjoyed the rich truths of his word.

The State Campmeeting in Guthrie began the following Friday and saints began to arrive several days before the meeting was to begin. The number kept increasing until the attendance was much larger than in previous years. It was a happy gathering of saints that gathered at the State Campmeeting in Guthrie in the summer of 1946, and perhaps very few before the meeting realized what a glorious soul-saving meeting was at hand. The preaching was richly anointed from above and went forth in such clearness, with such mighty power and demonstration of the Spirit that night after night the altar was overflowing with seekers. In fact, the fire of the Holy Spirit was burning so freely in the camp that it was true as one brother expressed it, "If a man was wrong in his soul he would either have to get right or get out." Many did get right and cleared up in their souls at the altar of prayer.—and—some others got out and left. It is true, the word of God is a savor unto life or death. If received and obeyed it will save the soul, but if refused and rejected it will mean death to the soul. The meeting was richly blessed of God from the beginning unto the end, and peace and unity prevailed throughout. God kept his hand upon every thing from the kitchen to the pulpit, and the business meeting was made heavenly and precious. I have

been in the campmeetings here in Guthrie and Oklahoma City for years and I can truthfully say that this was the most heavenly blessed meeting that I have experienced. There was much healing done and at least one *miracle* of healing was showed. One sister's arm had been dislocated and broken in two places at one time and the bone was shoved up above the shoulder. The doctors then had failed to set the bones in their proper places and it had been in this condition for many years, but when she was anointed and hands were laid on and prayer offered, God took the bones and placed them back in their proper place and the arm was normal again. She testified to it and those who prayed for her saw and felt the bones changing and going back to their proper places. Yes, the Lord is still doing miracles and we pray that more and more may be performed in the name of the Holy Child Jesus. Before this meeting began I was much burdened that God would keep down any disorder and bind any false teacher who might come among us to disturb in the meeting, and as I prayed and prayed very earnestly, one night before retiring I felt relieved. When I awoke in the morning the Scripture kept repeating itself in my soul, "When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" God is faithful to give us the victory again and again, bless His holy name.

Several souls who had been led astray by division makers having been influenced in wrong ways saw the deceitfulness of "by path" religions and their blighting work and confessed, asking the Lord to forgive them and also the saints, and they were restored to fellowship with God and the true saints in the earth.

There were over one hundred happy saints took part in the ordinances of the New Testament, feet washing and the Lord's Supper, and a goodly number followed the Lord in water baptism. Children of God are made happy when they willingly obey the teaching and instruction of the apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The new dining hall built here at Guthrie was hailed with great pleasure by the many saints coming to the meeting. The dining hall is not completed but was in condition for cooking and eating. The floor to the upper story is yet to be put in, the bath room fixtures installed, and part of the electric wiring is yet to be done. The brethren who have been laboring so faithfully in getting this building erected will certainly be rewarded of the Lord and long remembered by the saints in light.

### National Campground Building Project

The proposed new dining hall on the national campground in Monark Springs, Missouri, was not completed for the meeting this summer. The concrete block walls for the basement are up, ready for the floor joists of the dining hall proper. Plans are made for the work to be resumed in October and

building completed. The previous plans have been revised, and now the one-story dining hall is to be of native oak frame construction, and the dormitory to be built as a separate building in the future. Lord willing, Brother Sam Barton will take the oversight of this work, and if the Lord sends sufficient consecrated carpenters and laborers, and provides the means and material, the dining hall can be built about the last two weeks of October. Ask the Lord what He would have you to do. This is the national camp-meeting and all the saints should have a part in it. If you want to send means or pledge any amount, address it to the undersigned who is secretary-treasurer, or if the Lord impresses you to come and work on the building, notify Brother Sam Barton, Route 8, Box 119, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at least a week ahead of time so he may know whom to expect.

The apostolic experience of the early church caused them to consecrate and do something. The work of God prospered and great power and grace was upon them all! How many today profess that 100 percent or all they have belongs to the Lord and in reality He may not be getting even 10 percent. May the Lord help us to begin at the starting point and learn the first principles of consecration.

—L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

### Obituaries

Bro. John Thaddeus Mitchell was born in Hancock Co., Miss. 1875 and was called from this life June 11, 1946, age 70 years, 8 months, and one day, after an illness of about eight days, during which time he was faithful in trusting God and received much relief in answer to prayer. Funeral services were conducted by Brother C. C. Carver of Shreveport, Louisiana, and interment was in the Belah Cemetery near his home.

He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Breland to whom eleven children were born. His wife and four children preceded him in death. Later he was married to Ludie Hope Trotti, to which union four daughters were born, all of whom survive.

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Caleb E. Floyd was born in Sevier Co., Tenn. March 15, 1876 and departed this life July 4, 1946 at the age of 70 years, three months, and 19 days. In 1895 he was united in marriage to Prudence A. Keeble. To this union three children were born, two sons and one daughter, McCutcheon, Hettie, and Richard. The daughter, Hettie, preceded him in death in 1912. Surviving are: his wife, two sons, foster grandson, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Floyd had been in failing health for several years. We have a hope that he has gone to rest.

For several years before his death he had resided at Pomona, Calif. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. E. A. Harmon of Glendale, Calif.

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Bro. W. L. VanZandt of Marshall, Mich., departed this life June 16, 1945 at the age of 81 years and six months. His suffering was great, but he died in God's hands. I, his wife, am glad to know that he is not suffering any more.

I am now living with my daughter, Mrs. C. H. Peck R. 1, Oxford, Ohio. I am not afraid to trust till death.

Saints, please pray for me that my life will be for Him.

Do you know of any saints near Oxford or Hamilton, Ohio or Richmond, Indiana? I am lonesome for the saints. May God bless all of you. Emaline VanZandt.

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NOTICE

Those that ordered pictures of the Monark Springs Campmeeting group should write to Eugene Barton, Route 11, Box 119, Tulsa, 15, Oklahoma, as he has lost the list of names of those ordering pictures.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Oregon—Dear Brothers and Sisters in God's great family, greetings,—I am praising God for His great salvation and His wonderful healing power. I am encouraged to go all the way with Him. He is so precious to me!

I had the privilege of visiting saints and relatives in California this spring. I was in a few precious services with the saints at Los Angeles where I heard some of God's faithful ministers preach. Oh, what food I received! I also visited my daughter, Grace Jones, at Klamath Falls, Ore. then came on to White Salmon, Wash. to visit a daughter. Here I fell and broke a piece in my ankle bone and tore ligaments loose. I desire all who read this to pray earnestly for God to heal me so I will not be crippled. I know He has something for me to do. I want to be of all the service I can to God. I know all things work for good to them that love and serve Him. These trials of affliction are for some good, and I want to get the good and give God the glory. I love this good old Bible way.

Your sister,

O. K. Myers

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N. M.—Dear Saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Praise God for salvation from sin. He keeps me each day. This old world has no charms for me. So many are seeking its entertainment, which doesn't satisfy the soul of man. With a thankful heart I rejoice in God my Saviour. He has brought Eph. 3:20 to me. "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

I missed my way of transportation where I work in a hospital. I was very tired, but started the three-mile walk. Soon a car sped by. I needed a lift so badly (just a passing desire). I soon noticed they were backing up. When they came to me they asked me to ride. The above Scripture came to me. Today He is helping me in a special way. I am thankful indeed, yet I feel I can not express what is so lovingly given to me.

May God bless all,

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Mrs. Lillie Cox.

Neb.—Dear Saints in truth,—This request is on my heart, and it will take the grace and power of God to bring results. The truth is strongly opposed, and in handing out tracts of truth we realize a strong power against us to the extent that we can scarcely work. We have learned to call upon God with much prayer and supplication before we go out on this mission. God can and will conquer the opposing enemy, and we can feel free to give out God's literature after prayer. It is not a difficult thing to lay tracts around here and there—that does not require so much boldness—but when we work on the streets before the public eyes, there before the satanic power, we must be filled with holy boldness

through Jesus. We believe Jesus had to pray much for this very thing, and may we lift together in prayer and faith for holy boldness that God's truth may move forward. Undoubtedly this will hasten persecution, but if we love our own lives we cannot be his. If we can only see alike and cooperate in harmony as the harmony of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we shall be made strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

If we expose this imposition of the devil and if we walk in the light as He (Jesus) is in the light, we will have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse from all sin. There is power in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and when His blood-cleansed saints work together in harmony and fellowship, the enemy has to flee. May God help us to pray about this. I fear that because some lack boldness they will let down and not try to hand out tracts, but this ought not to be. If we become concerned and battle together against this foe, we can through supplication and prayer overcome him. This is serious. May we be strong in the Lord.

Sister Jessie Sultzbaugh.

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Okla.—Dear Saints,—I am glad I can testify for Jesus and for his wonderful healing power. I send my testimony to the glory of God. I had my teeth pulled and a plate made in 1923. In 1939 my jaw rose on the outside and burst, then rose in the inside. The dentist lanced it to the jaw bone and found a tooth embedded. The place on the outside began to run pus and I had to wear a cloth in it. It would ache like any other tooth ache. Then the doctor said he would have to split my jaw bone to get it out. I could not stand it because of a weak heart. I put my trust in the Lord and promised Him if he would pull it out I would testify through the Faith and Victory. In June, 1945 it came through and ached for three weeks. In August the Lord let it drop out into my mouth. I do thank the Lord for it, for my suffering with it had been great. Some thought I had a cancer.

Mrs. Minnie Jackson.

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Calif.—Dear Saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May heaven's richest blessings ever rest upon you is our prayer. I am praising God today for an experience of salvation that saves and satisfies our souls, and for his sweet, divine presence with us each day. Shortly after my return to my home from the Assembly meeting last winter, my wife took seriously ill with a very complicated case of tumors. It seemed as though the end was almost in sight, yet God in his great love and mercy in answer to the many earnest prayers in her behalf by the saints, spared her. We give the praise to Him and Him alone, for had it not been for his great healing power being poured out upon her body, she could not have survived her affliction. Our hearts are filled with the overflowing love of God upon us. It is our determination to ever be true to him and live the life his Word by his Spirit reveals unto us. Oh, how we love the saints of God, and enjoy the sweet fellowship of his Spirit as a result of walking in the light as he is in the light.

We earnestly ask the prayers of all that our way ever be directed by His Holy Spirit each day. I am your brother saved today and kept by the power of God and standing in defense of just and right. T. T. Holden

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Calif.—To the dear saints scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus' dear name,—I am very thankful that I can report victory in my soul. Today I am thanking the Lord for all his many blessings. Jesus is dear to me. I feel we can never do too much for him.

I feel impressed to tell of how the Lord so wonderfully healed our little girl. She was only two and one-half years old when she was burned very seriously on Jan. 6, 1945. Her entire back was practically burned to the bone. Her left side was burned so you could see her intestine through a very thin tissue. She was unconscious for twenty-four hours. Her skin seemed to be baked by fever. It turned black. She lay on the bed with her eyes set and her tongue parched with fever until it stuck out of her mouth. It seemed that every breath she drew would be the last one. A large number of saints was present, and we continued offering prayer to the Lord, and He came to our rescue. I told my husband Tuesday evening, Jan 9th after we had been fasting in prayer, that the Lord said he was going to heal the child. He answered that he had the same answer from the Lord. Praise His name! But she was still unconscious. The next morning I spoke to him and said, "The victory is ours, let us eat." While we sat at the breakfast table, the child cried out, "Mother, I want to eat breakfast with you." What a glorious morning! The Lord had given the healing touch. I got up and went to her bedroom and we began praising the Lord again. I fed her and she began to amend from that hour. Some had offered to take her to the hospital saying there was nothing left there to heal, but the God of heaven looked down upon his children and made a new back for our child. She was able to walk Feb. 12, 1945. At present she is doing fine. One would never know that she had been burned so badly unless they were told, for her limbs are not drawn in any way. The skin is growing natural. I raise his dear name! I truly mean by his grace and power to follow him all the way. I need your prayers that I may ever trust Him and fight the good fight of faith. 1 Timothy 6:12.

Sister L. M. Chandler.

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Calif.—Dear Saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I still love Jesus and all of his dear children, and am happy to tell you I am still saved and sanctified and kept by the mighty power of God. The way grows brighter every day. The Lord has been very good to me. Space and time will not permit me to tell all he has been to my family and me. The Lord has been my healer, without the help of man, ever since he sanctified my nature. I never gave any of my children medicine and he has healed them many times in answer to prayer. Praise his name. My family is grown now, and has turned away from God. Please pray earnestly that each one will be saved. Also please pray for the work here in Fresno. There are a few holding on to God. We just closed a week's meeting which was wonderfully refreshing to our souls. Bro. Chandler of Bakersfield was here to help in the preaching. No souls were saved, but there was much good done. The saints were strengthened and built up in the most holy faith. Pray that we may keep close to Jesus and win souls for him.

Your blood-washed sister, L. P. Hamilton.

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## What About the New Translation?

The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, published in February, 1946, is creating quite an interest.

Speaking of revising the Bible, one has said, "The more you revise the Bible, the less Bible you get." Bear this in mind, if you find one of the different revisions now in circulation. One author calls this new translation, the "Termite Edition."



*Notice modernistic trends in this new translation!*

Hebrews 12:14 contains a mistranslation and reads, "Strive for peace with all men, and for the consecration without which no one will see the Lord." The word "consecration" is substituted for "holiness." This will please some people, for they are holiness fighters. Consecration is not holiness. One may be consecrated and not have second-blessing holiness. Some even go so far to say, "When you are consecrated you are sanctified"; but consecration will not kill the old man. One will be a seeker for holiness until he goes the death route. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Confession of carnality and contact faith will bring our old man to crucifixion where we can testify with Paul, "*Knowing this*, that our old man is crucified with him." I am glad I can still have the King James Version and preach "*holiness* without which no man shall see the Lord." Further examples of mistranslations are found in John 17:17; Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Thess. 4:3; and Hebrews 13:12.

Mark 9:29 is translated to read, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." The King James Version has "and fasting." The first time I saw a copy of this new translation I checked this verse, for I have noted that the trend of today is toward self-indulgence rather than self-denial, even to the shame of polluting some of the church with oyster stews and soup and pancake suppers. I do thank God that they did place a footnote stating, "Many ancient authorities add 'and fasting.'" Paul states that some folk in his day were "enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly" (Philippians 3:18, 19). Do we not see some folk like this today? In some places words have been taken away; in others, another word has been substituted which broadens the meaning. In Luke 16:23 the word "hades" is substituted for the word "hell." How strange it would sound to hear a preacher say, "If you don't repent, you'll go to *hades*." I wonder if it would not be well for this group of revisers to read Revelation 22:19, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."

Do not think these are the only modernistic trends in this new revision, for one need not look far to find others. I believe one of the "devices" the devil will use in these last days will be an effort to undermine the Bible by modernistic revisions. Let us cling to the King James Version. The night I was saved the preacher was using this version. God has set His seal many times as it has been read: we have found God will stand back of it. Thousands are in heaven today because they followed its teachings. Let us not sacrifice it now.

Preachers, warn the people; bookhouses, take your stand; mankind, stand by the King James Version. I realize this new version has been called "The Most Important Publication of 1946," with all due re-

spect to the Bible contained therein; but in reference to some of the changes I wonder if it would not be more appropriate to call it "One of the Most Subtle and Modernistic Publications of 1946." Great God, open our eyes!!

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## The Power of His Resurrection

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." John 12: 24, 25. "If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him." 2 Tim. 2:11. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection" Rom. 6:5. We cannot live a new life in the Lord, fruitful to God, until we partake first of His death. Do we find ourselves unable to live a victorious life? Do we fail to bear fruit? Then the thing needful is not just to try harder, but rather to go down to the root of the plant—that is where the trouble is—and see if we have fully died.

The power of Christ's resurrection is only felt, working a new life by the power of God, in those who have died with Him. We cannot be his disciples unless we do this (Matt. 16:24, 25.) Then, after we are His, the Spirit of the Lord continues to show us how to work out that death more and more in every part of our lives. We sink deeper into God—"take root downward and bear fruit upward."

The planting of God will fill our whole lives if we let Him have his way. But if we will not, if we fail to hearken and take heed to the voice of the Spirit as he calls us to go down deeper, the plant will languish and the fruit will wither. We may wonder why. As the seed which fell on the rock, which began to grow so well, if we cling to our own ways and thoughts, hardening our hearts against its working, we likewise will "have no root in ourselves." Though all may appear well at first, a little tribulation and all will be gone.

We take up our cross in the beginning, losing our own life to follow the Lord (Mark 8:34, 35). Also there is a daily taking up of our cross which we must do (Luke 9:23). We must live out the crucified life in actual daily practice.

Are we doing this? The power of Christ's resurrection is only felt by those who partake in "the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to his death." Phil. 3:10. Is the crucified life ours? If it be so, then the power of His resurrected life is ours also. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

—Faith Embly.

## NOTICE

Tent meeting to be held near Bogota, Texas, in Sept. For information write to Brother C. C. Carver, 6125 Willard Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana.



# Young People's Section

## The Highest Place

The highest place a soul can fill  
Is found the lowest down.  
The one who would exalt himself  
Shall never wear a crown.  
Promotion never travels east  
And never toward the west:  
But comes from heaven to the one  
Who never thinks he's best.  
An humble person never seeks  
A seat above the floor,  
And so he never falls, but God  
Exalts him more and more.—Sel.

## Editorials

As this issue goes to press, the campmeeting season is on in full strength over the nation. Some have been held and several yet to be held. Reports coming in tell of very successful meetings, with larger attendance than usual, and numbers being saved, sanctified, and healed. The great work of God moves on and will continue until the final end in the rescuing of perishing souls.

We were privileged to attend the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri, and the Oklahoma campmeeting here at Guthrie. In these meetings the Lord surely fulfilled His promise to meet with those who meet together in His name and for His glory. They were great spiritual feasts for all the people of God who came from all parts of the nation to share in the outpouring of His presence. The Word of God was preached with authority and power. Conviction rested heavily and sinners called for mercy and were freely forgiven. Many were sanctified and healed in answer to the prayer of faith.

A large group of young people attended these meetings, many states being represented. The Lord blessed in their special meetings in a wonderful way. The spirit of God worked in convicting and saving of young people in their midst. Surely the church of God will be perpetuated in the earth until the end of time, and these young saints can become pillars in that heavenly institution if they will stand steadfast in the truth of God.



The saints at the National Campmeeting desired that a request be published to the saints at large that they endeavor in the future not to plan and hold any campmeeting on the dates which would conflict with the National Campmeeting, so that anyone wanting to attend this meeting would not be hindered by their local meeting being held at the same time. We are confident that the saints will gladly cooperate as much as possible to make this in reality a national campmeeting.

—L. D. P.

California—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am very much encouraged to press on in the battle. I know it is going to take very much praying and watching to enter in at that strait and narrow gate. All we have gone through in this life will mean but little when we get to the end of the way if we keep faithful. That surely will be a great day for all the saints around the great white throne. It makes me happy to think of that great day. There will be no more trials or tests. We will be free from all worries and cares. That surely will be a grand place. No words can express how beautiful heaven is.

I have much to thank the Lord for. He has been so good to me I can't express it. The Lord has brought me through two years of school with victory. There were tests and trials but when you think of the victory at the end, it doesn't seem half as hard. I am going into the second year of high school when school begins, and I am taking the Lord with me.

The Lord permitted us to attend the campmeeting in Hammond, Louisiana. It was a good meeting with not a word said or done that wasn't in the order of the Lord that I heard. The Lord surely did bless. There were quite a few young people there that were saved and living for the Lord. It makes me more determined to press the battle on when I see other young people living good Christian lives. When we give our lives to the Lord when we are young He has a better chance of using us the way He sees fit. Some people say young people can not keep saved, but I found it is the best thing this side of heaven. It is more precious than gold or silver to me.

The Lord has given me some songs and choruses, one of which I am enclosing. Pray for me.

## I'VE GOT JESUS IN MY HEART

Your gold and your silver doesn't mean a thing to me  
Your diamonds and rubies are worthless as can be.  
But I've got something more precious than these—  
I've got Jesus in my heart.

Chorus—

I've got Jesus in my heart,  
Yes, I've got Jesus in my heart.  
Your gold and your silver doesn't mean a thing to me,  
'Cause I've got Jesus in my heart.

Your music and dances are worldly as can be,  
Your shows and entertainment don't mean a thing to me.  
But I've got something that means a lot to me,  
I've got Jesus in my heart.

Chorus—

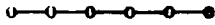
I've got Jesus in my heart,  
Yes, I've got Jesus in my heart.  
Your music and dances don't mean a thing to me,  
'Cause I've got Jesus in my heart.

When I reach those portals up in those heavens high,  
I'll sing and shout forever and never say goodbye,  
I'll see my dear Redeemer and ever will abide,  
'Cause I've got Jesus in my heart.

Chorus—

I've got Jesus in my heart,  
Yes, I've got Jesus in my heart.  
I'll sing and shout forever up in the heavens high,  
'Cause I've got Jesus in my heart.

Your brother in Christ, —Gus Poulos, Jr.



Illinois—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—I truly praise the Lord for salvation and the many blessings he bestows upon me. I am so thankful for the privilege I had of attending part of the Monark Springs campmeeting, also a few services of the Guthrie campmeeting. It really was encouraging to meet with so many dear saints. There are no saints near here that I know of, and I had not been in a saints' meeting for two years. I have really learned to depend upon the Lord, however. He is so precious to me. I just wish everyone could see the awful picture of the devil and sin, as I see it, they would seek the Lord.

I just think of it in this way, if you were working for someone and they would promise you good pay when you finished a certain job, but when you finished the job, they would only abuse and accuse, and mistreat you, and time and time again they would make good promises to you, but each time would only cause you more grief and suffering than the time before, how long would you continue to be their servant? It would not take you long to realize they were an unkind and untruthful master, and I am sure not one of us would put up with this abuse year after year. But dear sinner, you are serving the enemy of your precious soul. He is indeed an unkind master. Little by little he leads you on. He does not always appear in a vicious way. He sneaks in many times when you are unaware of it. But when he gets his chains around you he doesn't care how much you suffer. He even torments you by making you think he has such a hold on you that you cannot break loose, but dear ones, he is a liar. God sent his son to die on the cross that we might be saved from sin. Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:13 that he came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance, so there is a way of escape for you if you will only come to the cross of Jesus. He does not require you to do the impossible things, but anything that he does require you to do he is there to help you do it.

With Christian love, —Ruby Fern Johnson



## "Glory to God—Peace on Earth"

The year is still young and there's still time for "resolutions and reflections."

Notice in the angels' song that they put "glory to God" first. And, reflecting over the past, it seems to me that that is where many of us—in fact, the world in general—have made the greatest mistake. We must do that, put "glory to God" first, before we can have real and lasting peace. We fail by both word and deed. We hear and speak thousands of words giving glory and praise to men, to one word of glory and praise to God. We sometimes pray to God to help us, yet we continue to fix up and follow our own plans instead of trying to find and follow God's plans.

Remember the Israelites. They had to follow God's plans at Jerico and on to be victorious. Whenever they failed to follow God's plans and let "sin get into the camp," they were not victorious.

Remember Saul. He tried following his own plans instead of God's and he got into trouble. God rejected

him. Samuel told him, "To obey is better than sacrifice." We need to seek, find, and obey God's instructions and plans.

Remember some of God's eternal truths as expressed by David in Psalm 127:1. Read it for yourself. Then read in Ecclesiastes 2:1-10 of a man who tried his own worldly way, and his summing up of results in verses 11-13.

Then, let us resolve to quit trying to build according to our own plans, and do our best to build and let God build according to God's plans. A good resolution is for us to resolve by the help and grace of God to do our best to give more glory to God by letting Him have His way with us. I am sure we can trust Him to victoriously carry us through. Oh, for more "glory to God" that we may have "peace on earth!" —W. F. McGahan



## A Sign All Can Read

Beloved Christian friends, there are many signs in this world and some may be hard to understand, but I desire to call your attention to one sign that every human being can read. For a text, let us read John 13:34, 35, where Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. BY THIS shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Often people ask, as Paul asked the certain disciples at Ephesus: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Then after receiving an answer in the affirmative they often ask, "Did you speak in tongues?" To this I humbly answer in the negative, but add that I have the fruit of the Spirit according to Gal. 5:22, 23, which reads, "But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

It is good for us as God's children to check our lives and see whether or not we have the "fruit of the Spirit." Beloved, if we really have that fruit, it is very evident that we have the "Spirit of CHRIST." The likeness and image of our blessed Lord Jesus is to come or be made manifest through a process of testing or trials. This is the method which the great God of heaven uses in developing Christian character, or the likeness of his Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, our reaction in this process of testing and trials will determine to what extent we have the Spirit of Christ and just what per cent of the "fruit of the Spirit" we are producing. Keep the list of "fruit" in mind as we proceed with this lesson.

Gal. 5:19-21 lists the works of the flesh, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, A d u l t e r y, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Please notice that the word "works" is plural and "fruit" is singular. The works of the flesh are often at variance one with another

and there is no harmony there so it needs must be in the plural form; but not so with the "fruit of the Spirit." It is singular because however manifold the results, they form only one harmonious whole.

The first fruit of the Spirit listed is *love*. "Love is of God and everyone that loveth IS born of God; and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God for God IS LOVE." (1 John 4:7, 8). If we study carefully the various phases of the fruit of the Spirit here mentioned, we learn that they are but the unfolding and manifestation of love.

Paul, speaking of charity (which is divine love), said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (1 Cor. 13:1). Do not think that because you know—or rather you *think* you know—almost everything about the Bible, you have the Spirit. Read again what Bro. Paul wrote, "But I certify you brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man, For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Then after making it plain that Christ had revealed or taught the gospel to him, hear him saying, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Moreover, Paul said, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor [not just one little thing, but "ALL my goods"] and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Peter spoke as he was moved by the Holy Ghost, thus: "Above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover a multitude of sins."

Our motto should ever be: "Let all things be done in love." Each one of us should realize what a blessed thing it would be if every person who professes to know the Lord Jesus, really had this burning love, this first fruit of the Spirit; then instead of division, strife, wrangling, gossiping, slandering, and many other evils traceable to a lack of this love, there would be peace and harmony. Then thousands, yea, millions, of precious souls for whom Christ died would be won to God—convicted, converted, and born into the kingdom of God. Individual lives and even whole nations would be transformed; and all of God's "born-again" children would then be working together, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

May our blessed Master help us to seek Him in humility of heart until "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." When we have this love of God in our hearts, we shall certainly express it in our lives. 2 Cor. 3:2, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN." It has been truly said, "Not very many will read the Scripture bound in leather, but almost everyone is reading the Scripture bound in skin." Beloved, we know that all people are reading us. What do they find to read

in our lives? How essential are our lives to our neighbors! Are we so eager to make money that we do not take time to be mindful of those around us? Is our Christian life so dull and dry that others are repelled from us rather than drawn to us? Do we speak a pleasant word whenever we can to brighten the lives of those around us, or are we long-faced Christians?

Please, let us witness the case of Stephen, how he knelt and prayed God not to lay that great sin to the charge of those who were stoning him to death for preaching the truth to them. That is the way all Christians should act, but how many of us would? Would most of us not have thrown stones back at them?—or have it in our hearts to do so? Many times when we might have said a kind word that would help some one on the upward way, even if the devil urges us to throw a hard word that may kill the soul, would we say that kind word that might heal the wounded? We have to sadly admit that stoning is not out of date today, only people use hard words instead of stones. How many times a person might be helped to bear a heavy cross if we helped with a few KIND WORDS! We learn that true greatness is in helping others at least part of the time. Perhaps we do not spend enough time in bettering our own condition, which may be done by humbly helping others. How few can apologize to another whom they have injured, yet it adds to greatness to humbly admit a wrong. Let us realize that it takes only an ounce of brain to hold a grudge, but that it takes true greatness to forgive and forget. Yes, it takes true love to cause us to avoid breaking a friendship by studiously avoiding the use of sharp words when a bigot had started an argument. Kind words have turned the course of many precious souls from the downward way to the way of eternal LIFE.

Dear saints, let us admonish each other in the words that the Holy Ghost spake through brother Peter as recorded in 1 Peter 3:8, which reads, "Finally, you should all be harmonious, sympathetic, loving as brothers, tender hearted, humble minded; not paying back evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but on the contrary giving a blessing. Because for this you have been called, to inherit a blessing."

And thus as we, as Christians, follow in the footsteps of Jesus, keeping his Word in all things, we shall be real fruit-bearing branches, and thereby glorify his blessed name at all times.

—Colonel Pendleton

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## Tighten The Reins On Fasting

"I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself shall be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27.

Keeping the body under, is absolutely necessary to overcome all things. The body referred to is the flesh nature. "For I know that in me—that is in my flesh—dwelleth no good thing." Rom. 7:18.

Self indulgence is the besetting sin of the times; but if you long to be a strong healthy Christian, you

must count the cost and renounce the things of the flesh. It is a wonder why the doctrine of eating and drinking is so neglected in these days; however, all will have to acquire the art of self denial before they will be at their best for the Lord. Most people seem to have no knowledge that the doctrine of fasting accompanied by prayer is a doctrine of the Word of God.

Careless eating creates fleshly energy. Any letting down to the flesh puts the outward inward and creates confusion (carnality). The fasted life is a sure and safe cure for incontinence and all unchastity.

Too frequent eating causes spiritual flatulence. Eating and drinking has more to do with one's spirituality than most people know. The body needs well chosen food in due season, but eating between meals and over-eating is intemperance and indulgence in a lust of the flesh and is detrimental to the spirit.

What does the fasted life accomplish? Fasting and prayer deepens and enobles the experience into a deep, sweet, composed character; develops meekness, humility, and divine loveliness, increases supernatural power in the life, and keeps the human channel at its best for God's ministry of the Spirit. It increases incentive to faith, intensifies the desire for worship, communion, and fellowship with the Lord; and increases longevity.

The healing power of the finger of God is upon those who live the fasted life with prayer. When his disciples had failed in their attempt to cast a demon spirit out of a boy, Jesus said, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." One must have power over the flesh to keep it under control before he can have the spiritual power from which demons flee.

Often times fasts are proclaimed among God's children for special burdens. Surely it is the duty of all God's children who can to enter these fasts and thus bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. There is power in agreement.

"I humbled my soul with fasting." *Psa. 35:12.*

Not long since, a visiting friend said, "A very large class have not power in themselves to overcome." All such would have no trouble to overcome all things if they would keep themselves fasted, and live the prayer life. Our old man was crucified with Christ; that the body of sin might be done away. *Rom. 6:6.* If, however, we permit eating and drinking to become a fleshly lust with us, the flesh nature is revived. If the flesh is allowed indulgence, the Spirit is handicapped; but if the Spirit is kept predominant, we live by the Spirit; and have eternal life enthroned. The big eater's congeniality is far beneath genuine godliness. Both faith and works are required. The flesh is mighty; the Spirit is almighty. To "choose life," deny the flesh, and do not neglect prayer.

God works through our will. It is not hard to live the fasted life when the will is made up to do so. Determine to receive what God has for you. Set the will in line and harmony to have, be, and do according to all the atonement gives. God will be thy sufficiency.

Some have fasted to the extreme in that they have entered long fasts, in which they totally abstained from taking nourishment into the body, but not being accompanied by faith and availing prayer, the fasts served no purpose except punishment to the body. The purpose of fasting is not to punish the body, but to keep it from having predominance over the Spirit. The Lord has given His children sound minds which He is willing to direct by His Spirit, so there is no need for one to become overbalanced along this line. There are times when God's people are burdened of the Lord to fast and pray for a certain purpose; but He does not require them to continue the total fast when the burden is lifted, and it is not good to do so. But the kind of fasting which should be daily practiced by God's children is that of partaking of no more nourishment than is necessary for the sustenance of the body. People engaged in different work require different amounts. Every one must be his own judge in the matter, but beware of giving the flesh too much freedom to choose.

The need of fasting from food is not the only need. We need to fast from radio programs and separate ourselves from the radio world. We need to fast from newspaper reading; and, very greatly, we need to fast from all unnecessary conversation and human fellowship and economize time for the kingdom of God. We need to gear body, mind, and soul for the present intense work of the Spirit as He prepares the church for the coming of the Lord. —C. B. Warren (revised)

## Purity of God's Church

Many of the churches of today are aware that they have drifted from their original teachings, and are seeking out methods of reform; but I particularly have in view those who call their movement the "Church of God." Brother Warner and many others of his day in early 1880, sought and found many precious truths which brought them into the clear light of the morning church; but, alas, many have departed from that pure teaching and have gone beyond what they ever expected to go. Many are so blinded they have forgotten the truth of the early reformation. Some are dissatisfied, knowing only a movement called the "Church of God;" Others are trying to bring a reform of the movement. I shall endeavor to give some scriptural proof showing God's system when deception comes in among them, with love for all and malice toward none.

There are many things said and done to bring about the adjusting of a church to its former purity. Some have the idea a movement can be brought back after a few of its leading members are kicked out. Others seem to think an over-haul is all that is needed. If a church has departed from its teaching which was right in the beginning, and has reached an apostatized condition, there is only one thing to do, and that is to "Come out of her, my people." *2 Cor. 6:14; Rev. 18:4.* When a church has had clear light and failed to walk in that light, it has gone into darkness. *Matt. 12:35, 36.*

God deals with us according to the light which we have had. When light was flashed on our pathway, it was given for the express purpose of our walking to please God and making sure of reaching the portals of Glory. There has never been a reformation that apostatized, that was ever restored to its former teaching and spirituality. God's process is different. In His wisdom, He gave a rule that never fails.

Job asked, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing? not one." Job. 14:4.

John caught a vision of the pure Church when he was carried away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and he saw the bride, the Lamb's wife, she "having the glory of God, and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." Rev. 21:10, 11. There was no darkness in her at all, and we are told by the prophet, Zech. 14:7, "At evening time it shall be light." That is the kind of church He is coming after. It is certainly true, as we draw nearer to the source of light, light becomes more clear, until we reach the end of our perfect day.

"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" James 3:11. Can we praise God in spirit and fail to walk in the light? No, never. It would be as reasonable to think a fountain could send forth two kinds of water, as it would be to think we could have the Spirit of God and the spirit of the world at the same time.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them" Jer. 15:19. God's instructions to us mean a complete separation. It would be like us trying to reform a drunkard by going into a saloon and drinking with him if we try to bring back the reformation. I shall give some scriptural truths to show a reformation can never be redeemed to its former state of purity.

When we individually, or as a movement, compromise and leave the real truth, we become as the prophet said, "It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion [Church of God]." Isaiah 20:9.

I shall give you the last and final stage of a reformation that has departed from God or Bible truths. "In their heat [revelry] I will make their feasts, [pie suppers and social entertainments such as card parties, mock weddings, etc.] and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice and sleep a PERPETUAL SLEEP and not wake, saith the Lord." Jer. 51:39. This is a true type of Babylon, drunken on the spirit of revelry and the world in general, and under the guise of Christian worship, do they spin:

Drunken so much as to go to sleep—spiritually dead. They are in a perpetual sleep to never awake. Their doom as a movement is sealed. While you are awake enough to come out, we advise you to come and escape for your life.

It is just as possible to be drunk on the spirit of the world as it is literally drunk. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." Rev. 18:3. The early tribes were forbidden to marry outside of their own nation. When we, as the people of God, begin to flirt with other religions, or compromise, we begin to get drunk. When fully drunk, we become asleep spiritually, or dead, never to be awakened. This begins with the heads of the movement.

"And I will make drunk her princes [rulers], and her wise men [D. D. and LL. D.'s], her captains and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts." Jer. 51:57. Thus, they can not be restored, because they can not be awakened to see their dozed condition. May God arouse all who can be awakened before too late.

—E. M. Zinn

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## JESUS AND THE RIGHT USE OF PROPERTY

Sunday, September 1, 1946

Printed Portion . . . . .Exodus 20:15; Proverbs 30:7-9;  
Matthew 6:25-33.

Exodus 20:15. Thou shalt not steal.

Proverbs 30:7. Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

8. Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

9. Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Matthew 6:25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Golden Text:** Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6: 21, 22.

**Practical Truth:** We are under obligation to use our property in a way pleasing to God.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord is mindful of his creation inasmuch that he supplies the necessities of life abundantly. Plenty for all, but greed and covetousness has so cornered these necessities until today a comparative few hold the purse strings and thousands are actually naked and starving. The all-seeing eye of God looking down through the centuries foresaw this so he gave the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." Honesty is the positive answer to the command. Honesty is a noble principle that should be instilled in the hearts, especially of the young people.

Lying and covetousness, the two sister evils, are closely connected to it. The fact that man has degenerated so far from God makes his heart an easy prey of these ungodly traits.

What is man that thou art mindful of him? The Lord delights in supplying the need of his children if they only will trust and appreciate him. The enemy takes advantage and makes these necessities a snare in which it binds and enslaves mankind.

What did David say in regard to poverty and riches?

Was that not a good prayer?

Note the dangers of each. Give examples concerning these that you have observed.

In the light of verse 27 should not our faith be increased?

Discuss different ways in which money might be obtained. Also spent.

Think of the privilege we have of giving. Even if we can not go our means can send the gospel touching every continent and people.

Verses 21 and 22 point us to a safe depository.

Verse 33 casts its rays of light on our path way and if we give diligent heed it will safely guide us into that more abundant life.

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#### JESUS AND SINCERITY OF SPEECH

Sunday, September 8, 1946

Printed Portion . . . Exodus 20:16; Proverbs 26:23-28; Matthew 26:69-75.

Exodus 20:16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Proverbs 26:23. Burning lips and a wicked heart are

like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24. He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25. When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

27. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28. A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Matthew 26:69. Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

**Golden Text:** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor. Eph. 4:25.

**Practical Truth:** God requires true and sincere speech and a disposition to tell the truth.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we observe the great sins of today and notice in God's word that they have already been named out and judgment already meted upon each one, we are made to realize that we are dealing with an all-wise God. One upon whom time and place have no power. The sin of false witnessing will surely point a finger of condemnation at many souls in that great and dreadful day.

Lips that often seem to burn with affection and speak fair words many times only mask a heart that is filled with envy and hatred. "A flattering mouth worketh ruin." By flattering a person we make them to believe that they are more than they really are, thus leading them into the snare of deceit and hypocrisy.

May the Lord help all of us to see ourselves as he sees us. Sincere, truthful speech reveals an honest, sincere heart; and deceptive, insincere speech reveals a corrupt heart. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Many times the true condition of our hearts is revealed unto us by our own words and meditations.

Note in the written lesson for today "Thy speech bewrayeth thee." Probably the words had been spoken before Peter fully realized what was going on.

Words may be untrue and yet not be a lie or spoken with a purpose to deceive.

As money is a medium of exchange, or a way that we might equalize the value of different commodities, so also speech is a medium by which we may reveal or exchange our thoughts, desires, and aims.

Remember the exhortation to speak sound words that can not be condemned? Again, let your words be seasoned with grace.

The highest use to which speech can be put is to win souls for Christ and to promote God's cause on the earth.

What did David say in regard to his words and meditations?

What effect does our words have upon others? upon ourselves?

God's word is truth. In it is no error. Thus he exhorts us to let his word dwell in us richly.

What does he say in regard to our words condemning us? How shall we be judged?

In the light of these truths it behooves us to be very careful about our words and thoughts.

### JESUS AND COVETOUSNESS

Sunday, September 15, 1946

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 11:23, 24; Luke 12:13-21.

Ex. 20:17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Prov. 11:23. The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Luke 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**Golden Text:** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. Prov. 11:28.

**Practical Truth:** An inordinate desire for earthly things is displeasing to God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is a lamentable fact that people are more concerned about the safety of their physical bodies than they are about the safety of their never-dying souls. No one with a rational mind would venture to tread upon a section of this earth where danger signals were posted similar to the warnings which the Bible gives against covetousness yet the warnings against covetousness go unheeded to the extent that only a very few people take them seriously enough to shun it.

Here are a few of God's warnings against covetousness:

Take **HEED** and **BEWARE** of covetousness.

It is a **SNARE**.

It **DROWNS** men in **DESTRUCTION** and perdition.

Because of it, many have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Covetousness is idolatry and **ALL** idolaters shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

You can run the references in your Bible and find other warnings.

One might manifest covetousness by holding and selfishly using the material possessions with which the Lord has entrusted him to use to His glory, whether they be few or many; and also by desiring to obtain and possess something for selfish gain and gratification which he does not have. Jesus saves His people from **ALL** sin, so they must be as free from the sin of covetousness as the sin of killing, stealing, or any other. He has promised to supply the needs of his children, and it is not covetousness for them to let requests for their needs be made known to Him with thanksgiving, but they should be sure they know the difference between a need and a desire for selfish benefit.

When one gives way to the sin of covetousness, he is led into other sins. For example read about the result of Ahab's covetousness in 1 Kings 21:1-16; and Ananias' and Sapphira's in Acts 5. Find other examples in the Bible, and mention some present-day examples.

Covetousness is a sin which at its beginning is hard to detect even by the one who is being tempted by it. For the devil is ready to hide the covetous spirit with many plausible-sounding excuses; therefore it is exceedingly dangerous.

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### JESUS AND THE LAW OF THE STRANGER

Sunday, September 22, 1946.

Printed Portion .....Ex. 22:21-23; Deut. 24:14, 15; Matt. 25:31-41.

Ex. 22:21. Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22. Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry:

Deut. 24:14. Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates.

15. At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it: for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

Matt. 25:34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them,



Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**Golden Text:** And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. **Matt. 25:40.**

**Practical Truth:** The practice of neighborliness is a duty and privilege and will bring a reward.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This topic is not often discussed, but it can be of great profit to those who will study and discuss it prayerfully. Those who love God desire to learn more and more how to please him. Showing kindness to the stranger, the widow and orphan, the prisoner, etc. will not save one's soul, but after one's soul is saved the love of God in his heart will prompt him to do these good things. God's people in this world are not their own. They are here as ambassadors of Christ and must represent him to others. If they have material possessions they must use them to help others find the Lord (and often this is done by giving to them in a time of need). Their time also is the Lord's, to be used as he directs. All their dealings with mankind must be honest, upright, and kind, that the cause of God be not reproached.

A stranger may be one of a different race or nationality, or it may be one of our own countrymen with whom we are not acquainted, or it may simply be those who are not of our own household. The commandment not to vex a stranger would mean that we are not to agitate, trouble, or reproach him. We are not to discourage him if he desires to be friendly with us, for perhaps by kindness we can win him to the Lord. We are not to think ourselves above people of another race or nationality. Race prejudice has no place in the heart of a saint. All are God's human creatures with souls which will be eternally saved or lost. They are precious in God's sight. That which is precious to God is precious to his people. God's people must be perfect as He is perfect in their dealings with mankind. If God would scorn and turn away a poor outcast or a foreigner, then his people may do it—but we know He would not. It is God's will that his children follow the golden rule in their dealings with others.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Certainly good judgment must be used in inviting others into our homes, but we are not to consult "self-interest" in such matters.

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#### JESUS AND THE LAW OF LOVE

Sunday, September 29, 1946.

Printed Portion.....Psalm 119:33-38; Matt. 5:43-48.

Psalm 119:33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

36. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

38. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Matt. 5:43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

**Golden Text:** Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **Romans 13:10.**

**Practical Truth:** God requires of us good will toward all men.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

After studying the Ten Commandments with additional teachings of Jesus, we end the quarter by studying another law, but it is not a written law for the law of love cannot be written on law books or tables of stone. It must be placed in the heart before it can be known. To know this law is to obey it. This law cannot be discovered by study, intuition, or speculation, therefore it is well that those who do not know it to pray with the Psalmist, "Teach me, O Lord." And even if one has learned it to some degree, this prayer is still in order that he might learn it more perfectly.

A prophet prophesied about a time when God would make a new covenant with his people and would write his laws in their hearts and cause them to keep his statutes and do them. This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus died on the cross to redeem those who would believe on him from their fallen condition back to God. Then God filled their hearts with His Spirit. God is love, so to be filled with his Spirit is to be filled with love. Those who feel a lack of love need more of God.

Since man's fall in the garden of Eden his heart in its natural state has been void of the law of love. In this condition the following is a picture of him as God sees him: "foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another." It isn't a very beautiful nor complimentary picture, but man can no more change it in his own power or ability to do right than a leopard can change his spots or an Ethiopian his skin. If anyone thinks he is better in God's sight than this pictures him (before the law of love is written in his heart) it is because he is deceived and has never really seen himself as he really is. There is a human love that people have naturally but it falls far short of God's standard, for it permits men to live after the desires of their carnal hearts. But the perfect love which God gives causes sin to lose its attraction and it causes one to love God and keep his commandments, and love all his fellowmen whether friend or foe. He can pray for those who persecute, slander, and despitefully use him and feel no malice or hatred toward them.